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19 February through 1 March and from 3 March through 13 March 1951. In  
the latter period, the time of observation is not given.

| Date and Time<br>of Observation | No. of<br>Trains | Freight                                  | Origin and<br>Destination      | Remarks                         |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 19 February<br>0500 to 1600     | 1                | Hard coal                                | Grube Piast to<br>Cottbus      |                                 |
|                                 | 1                | -----                                    | Sorau to<br>Senftenberg        | Composed of empty<br>coal cars. |
|                                 | 1                | Coal                                     | Gleiwitz to<br>Berlin          |                                 |
|                                 | 1                | Boxes and 2<br>small air-<br>plane wings | Sorau to<br>Schönefelde        | Special train.                  |
|                                 | 1                | Scrap metal                              | Johannisthal to<br>Königshütte |                                 |
|                                 | 1                | Scrap metal                              | Johannisthal to<br>Krakow      |                                 |
|                                 | 1                | Anthracite                               | Waldenburg to<br>Cottbus       |                                 |
|                                 | 1                | Gasoline                                 | Lodz to<br>Cottbus             | Full tank cars.                 |
| 20 February<br>0500 to 1700     | 1                | -----                                    | Lübben to<br>Breslau           | Empty.                          |
|                                 | 1                | Scrap metal                              | Cottbus to<br>Breslau          |                                 |

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|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--|---|
|                              | 1             | Hard coal                | Waldenburg to Hennigsdorf              |   |
|                              | 1             | -----                    | Cottbus to Sorau                       | Composed of 4 locomotives of the 052/53 type. |
|                              | 1             | Gasoline                 | Polish-occupied Germany to Cottbus     | Composed of tank cars.                        |
|                              | 1             | -----                    | Breslau to Neuruppin                   | Via Cottbus. Carrying Russian troops.         |
|                              | 1             | -----                    | Warsaw to Vogtland Camp                | Red Cross train. Carrying returning PW's.     |
| 21 February<br>1200 to 1800  | 1             | -----                    | Sorau to Schönsfeld                    | Locked train.                                 |
|                              | 1             | Gasoline                 | Breslau to Cottbus                     | Composed of tank cars.                        |
|                              | 1             | Hard coal                | Polish-occupied Germany to Brandenburg |   |
|                              | 1             | -----                    | Polish-occupied Germany to Weisswasser | Empty.  |
|                              | 1             | -----                    | Breslau to Cottbus and Schleife        | Special locked train.                         |
|                              | 1             | -----                    | Hilben to Sagan                        | Empty.  |
|                              | 1             | Wood                     | Liegnitz to Brand                      |   |
| 22 February<br>1500 to 2200  | 1             | Coal                     | Polish-occupied Germany to Berlin      |   |
|                              | 1             | Coal                     | Königshütte to Berlin                  |   |
|                              | 1             | -----                    | Falkenberg to Oppeln                   | Empty.  |
|                              | 1             | Lithopone and scrap      | Forstenwalde and Peitz to Warsaw       |   |
|                              | 1             | Gasoline                 | Breslau to Jüterbog                    | In tank cars.                                 |
|                              | 1             | Airplane wings and boxes | Sorau to Jüterbog                      | Composed of 8 flatcars.                       |
| 23 February<br>1200 to 2000  | 1             | Brown coal               | Döbern to Forst                        |   |
|                              | 1             | Brown coal               | Wolfshain to Forst                     |   |

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|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|---|
|                              | 1             | Coal and gasoline       | Waldenburg to Stendal  | The gasoline was in tank cars.  |
|                              | 1             | Machine parts (rollers) | Brandenburg to Liegnitz  |   |
|                              | 1             | Boxes                   | Proviant (sic) to Weisswasser                                    | Open freight train; freight destined for Weisskeissel Camp.   |
| 24 February 1400 to 2400     | 1             | Scrap metal             | Cottbus to Breslau   |   |
|                              | 1             | Coal                    | Waldenburg to Brandenburg  |   |
|                              | 1             | —                       | Sorau to Stendal   | Closed train accompanied by troops  |
|                              | 1             | Coal                    | ? to Lübben  |   |
|                              | 1             | —                       | Breslau to Spremberg   | Via Cottbus. Largely composed of empty cars but included 4 open cars carrying AFV tracks and 4 tank cars containing Diesel oil. |
| 25 February 1200 to 2000     | 1             | Scrap                   | Alte Kochmasch (sic) to Oppeln                                   |   |
|                              | 1             | Hard coal               | Polish-occupied Germany to Cottbus                               |   |
|                              | 1             | Hard coal               | Breslau to Berlin  |   |
|                              | 1             | —                       | Karlshorst to Wacławow   | Via Berlin. Passenger train.  |
|                              | 1             | —                       | Sorau to Jüterbog  | Closed train.   |
| 26 February 0500 to 1400     | 1             | Oil                     | Breslau to Cottbus   | Composed of tank cars.  |
|                              | 1             | Oil                     | Sagan to Cottbus   | Composed of open cars carrying oil drums.   |
|                              | 3             | Hard coal               | Polish-occupied Germany to Berlin, Treptow, and Oberschönneweide |   |
|                              | 1             | —                       | Oppeln to Neuruppin  | Composed of tank cars.  |
|                              | 1             | —                       | Berlin to Beuthen  | Mixed trains composed of cars containing scrap and 8 empty tank cars.   |
| 27 February 0500 to 1400     | 1             | Anthracite              | Liegnitz to Berlin-Ostkreuz                                      |   |
|                              | 1             | —                       | Berlin-Ostkreuz to Sorau   | Mixed train composed of empty freight cars and 8 tank cars.   |

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|------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 28 February<br>1000 to 1900  | 1             | Boxes, two small air-plane bodies and wings | Sorau to Adlershof                 |   |
|                              | 1             | -----                                       | Polish-occupied Germany to Cottbus | Composed of tank cars and some coal cars.                         |
|                              | 1             | -----                                       | Berlin to Sagan                    | Locked train.   |
|                              | 1             | Hard coal                                   | Sagan to Cottbus                   | Also contained some tank cars.                                    |
|                              | 1             | -----                                       | Sorau to Cottbus                   | Passenger train carrying Air Force personnel.                     |
|                              | 1             | Scrap                                       | Cottbus to Breslau                 |   |
|                              | 1             | -----                                       | ? to Berlin                        | Empty.  |
|                              | 1             | Hard coal                                   | Waldenburg to Görlitz              |   |
|                              | 1             | Sheet metal                                 | Adlershof to Sorau                 |   |
|                              | 1             | -----                                       | Warsaw to Berlin                   | Empty Red Cross train.  |
| 1 March<br>0500 to 1500      | 1             | Wood building material                      | Breslau to Brand                   |   |
|                              | 1             | Coal  | Breslau to Berlin                  |   |
|                              | 1             | -----                                       | Breslau to Cottbus                 | Train carrying about 50 members of an armored regiment.           |
|                              | 1             | Hard coal                                   | Waldenburg to Brandenburg          |   |
|                              | 1             | -----                                       | Forst to Weisskeissel              | Passenger train carrying about 48 members of an armored regiment. |
| 3 March                      | 1             | -----                                       | Liegnitz to Berlin                 | Composed of tank cars.  |
|                              | 1             | Scrap metal                                 | Berlin to Sagan                    |   |
|                              | 1             | -----                                       | Berlin to Sagan                    | Composed of 52 empty tank cars.                                   |
|                              | 2             | Anthracite                                  | Waldenburg and Breslau to Cottbus  |   |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite                                  | Osten to Berlin                    | Composed of 86 open cars, 47 of which carried anthracite.         |

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|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|--|
|                              | 1             | Machine parts and scrap | Breslau to Berlin  | At Cottbus, 6 tank cars containing Diesel oil were attached to the train.              |
|                              | 1             | Pressed steel           | Lübben to Scheune  | Manned by Polish personnel.  |
|                              | 1             | -----                   | Oppeln to Merseburg                                      | Military train carrying about 200 enlisted men and 40 officers, mostly Mongolians.     |
| 4 March                      | 1             | -----                   | Sorau to Cottbus   | Passenger train carrying about 80 members of the Soviet Air Force (SAF).               |
|                              | 2             | -----                   | Sorau to Spremberg and Forst                             | Empty passenger trains.  |
|                              | 4             | Anthracite              | Breslau to Fürstenberg/Oder, Cottbus, Berlin, and Halle. |  |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite              | Liegnitz to Brandenburg                                  |  |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite              | Oppeln to Weisswasser                                    |  |
|                              | 1             | Gasoline                | Breslau to Schönefeld                                    | Composed of 28 tank cars.  |
|                              | 1             | -----                   | Berlin to Oppeln   | Composed of 47 empty tank cars.  |
|                              | 1             | Scrap                   | Berlin to Breslau  |  |
|                              | 1             | -----                   | Forst to Teuplitz  | Empty freight train.   |
|                              | 1             | Pit props               | Cottbus to Sorau   | Composed of 50 cars, 38 of which were open and carried pit props. Twelve were sealed.  |
| 5 March                      | 1             | Gasoline                | ? to Berlin  | Composed of 32 tank cars.  |
|                              | 1             | -----                   | ? to Berlin  | Unknown freight, but composed of 28 tank cars and accompanied by 4 members of the SAF. |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite              | Waldenburg to Berlin                                     | Open freight train.  |
|                              | 1             | Machine parts           | Görlitz to Warsaw  | Some cars were empty and some were sealed.   |
|                              | 1             | Lithopone               | Cottbus to Sagan   |  |

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|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 6 March                      | 1             | Guns and rubber-tired iron wheels | Breslau to Falkenberg            | Open freight train carrying 16 guns (estimated caliber 3 cm, mounted on rubber-tired wheels) and rubber-tired iron wheels.                |
|                              | 1             | Scrap                             | Halle to Breslau                 |   |
|                              | 2             | Anthracite                        | Waldenburg to Berlin and Cottbus |   |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite                        | Liegnitz to Brandenburg          |   |
|                              | 1             | ---                               | Minsk to Cottbus and Libben      | Freight train carrying about 80 members of the SAF and 120 artillerymen. Cars loaded with briquettes were attached to the train at Forst. |
|                              | 1             | ---                               | Scheuno to Forst                 | Military train carrying 16 enlisted men and 3 officers, all of whom remained in Forst.  |
|                              | 1             | Scrap                             | Halle to Breslau                 |   |
|                              | 1             | ---                               | Cottbus to Scheuno and Teuplitz  | Empty freight train.  |
| 7 March                      | 1             | Cable drums and boxes             | Cottbus to Sorau                 | Open freight train, manned by Poles.  |
|                              | 1             | Machine parts                     | Görlitz to Warsaw                |   |
|                              | 1             | Scrap                             | Eilenburg to Warsaw              |   |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite                        | Breslau to Cottbus               |   |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite                        | Waldenburg to Berlin             |   |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite                        | ? to Berlin                      |   |
|                              | 1             | Gasoline                          | Breslau to Schöneweide           | Mixed train, composed of some empty cars and some tank cars.  |
|                              | 1             | Oil containers                    | Sorau to Staaken                 | Open freight train carrying approximately 300 large oil containers; accompanied by a few members of the SAF.                              |
|                              | 1             | Manufactured goods in             | Waldenburg to Berlin             |   |

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|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 8 March                      | 3             | Briquettes                  | Senftenberg to Sorau               | All open freight trains.   |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite                  | Waldenburg to Berlin               | Open freight train.  |
|                              | 1             | Building wood and planes    | Sagan to Cottbus                   | Open freight train. Cargo destined for Brand Airfield.   |
|                              | 1             | Scrap boxes                 | Berlin to Sagan                    | Freight train accompanied by 20 - 25 soldiers.   |
| 9 March                      | 1             | —                           | Sorau to Cottbus                   | Passenger train carrying 60-70 SAF members.  |
|                              | 1             | Scrap                       | Falkenberg to Breslau              | Open freight train.  |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite                  | ? to Cottbus                       |  |
|                              | 1             | Boxes of manufactured goods | Breslau to Neuruppin               | Freight train composed of some closed cars containing large boxes of manufactured goods; accompanied by 10-12 SAF members. |
|                              | 1             | —                           | Forst to Teuplitz                  | Empty passenger train.   |
|                              | 1             | —                           | Liegnitz to Forst                  | Passenger train carrying 30 Russian enlisted men belonging to the frontier patrol at Forst.                                |
|                              | 1             | Briquettes                  | Senftenberg to Sorau               | Manned by Poles.   |
| 10 March                     | 1             | Anthracite and munitions    | Waldenburg to Berlin-Ostkreuz      |  |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite                  | Waldenburg to Falkenberg           |  |
|                              | 1             | —                           | Warsaw to Stendal                  | Mixed train composed of open and closed cars. The open cars were empty and remained in Cottbus.                            |
|                              | 1             | —                           | Breslau to Lubben/Borkenberg (sic) | Passenger train carrying 80 - 100 soldiers who entrained at Cottbus.   |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite                  | ? to Königs-wusterhausen           |  |
|                              | 1             | Mainly aluminum scrap       | Leipzig to Warsaw                  | Open freight train.  |
|                              | 1             | Machinery                   | Leipzig to ?                       | Train took on 22 cars loaded with briquettes at Forst and one passenger  |

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|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
|                              |               |                          |                                  | car containing 30 Volkspolizei at Cottbus. Also had Russian personnel to take the train from Berlin to Moscow.                            |
|                              | 1             | Coal and concrete blocks | Breslau to Thale                 | Freight destined for an SAG rolling mill.   |
|                              | 1             | —                        | Cottbus to Teuplitz              | Empty freight train.  |
| 11 March                     | 1             | Anthracite               | Weisswasser to Waldenburg        |   |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite               | Waldenburg to Lübben             |   |
|                              | 1             | Scrap                    | Eilenburg to Breslau             | Also composed of 6 empty tank cars.   |
|                              | 1             | —                        | Teuplitz to Forst                | Empty freight train.  |
|                              | 1             | Coal                     | Waldenburg to Adlershof          | Also had 4 tank cars. Accompanied by five members of SAF.   |
|                              | 1             | Gasoline                 | Breslau to Schönefelde           | Composed of 42 tank cars.   |
|                              | 1             | Guns and boxes           | Breslau to Cottbus               | Freight train composed of empty cars which remained in Forst and 18 tank cars.  |
|                              | 1             | Guns and boxes           | Gleiwitz to Górlitz and Bautzen  | Freight train carrying 2 guns of an estimated caliber of 10 cm in crates and 40 -50 boxes. Accompanied by 10 (Russian?) enlisted men.     |
| 12 March                     | 1             | Anthracite               | Waldenburg to Berlin-Ostkreuz    |   |
|                              | 1             | —                        | Sagan to Cottbus and Weisswasser | Composed of 12 closed coaches carrying troops (black shoulder boards and red piping). Fourteen Volkspolizei boarded the train at Cottbus. |
|                              | 1             | Anthracite               | Breslau to Lübben                |   |
|                              | 1             | Scrap                    | Falkenberg to Warsaw             |   |
|                              | 1             | Empty oil containers     | Cottbus to Liegnitz              | Open freight train.   |

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|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---|
|                                 | 1                | Coal and<br>pigs | Breslau to<br>Berlin       | Four cars contained<br>pigs.  |
| 13 March                        | 1                | Gasoline         | Breslau to<br>Schönefeld   | Composed of tank cars.<br>Four members of the<br>SAF accompanied the<br>train.            |
|                                 | 1                | Anthracite       | Breslau to<br>Lübben       | Also included 6 tank<br>cars which remained<br>in Cottbus.                                |
|                                 | 1                | —                | Berlin to<br>Breslau       | Composed of 46 empty<br>tank cars.  |
|                                 | 1                | Anthracite       | Waldenburg to<br>Jüterbog  | Also had 18 closed cars<br>containing canisters.<br>Two SAF men accompanied<br>the train. |
|                                 | 1                | Scrap            | Stendal to<br>Breslau      |   |
|                                 | 1                | Scrap            | Falkenberg to<br>Breslau   |   |
|                                 | 1                | Briquettes       | Senftenberg to<br>Teuplitz |   |
|                                 | 1                | —                | Minsk to<br>Merseburg      | Special troop train<br>carrying 180 - 200<br>Russian enlisted men.                        |

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